IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: Masayuki TSUCHIYA et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 January 20, 2006

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2005 for 1 month from January 7, 2006 to February 6, 2006.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$120.00 for the cost of the extension. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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